

Atu was the leader of a clan of cavemen who were once known as the Leathermen. They were a band of fierce warriors that roamed the countryside in search of food. They lived thousands of years ago in an area that is now referred to as Eastern Asia.

The clan of Leathermen was starving for food because they had endured a long, bitterly cold winter eating pine needles and bark from the trees. The animals that had survived the harsh cold were hibernating underground, so the clan did not have any meat to eat. Atu knew that his men were getting restless because of their hunger and he wanted to avoid bloodshed.

He gathered the strongest of the men together for a meeting. "We need food for ourselves and our women and children," he said to the men. "I will need your help in gathering a superior hunting party to search for some great animal that will provide us all with food and strength. We will leave in two days and we will not return until we have succeeded in our quest."

Atu and the men set out toward the south of their caves where it was known to be warmer. They anticipated with great hope that there would be some animals that had escaped death from the cold. They soon found that they were right when they heard the terrifying roar of a saber-toothed tiger, the king of the mountains. Atu and his men lit their torches and tried to scare the tiger away with the fire. One of the men became scared and started running back the way they had come. Atu and his men heard his scream as the big cat caught him. Atu ordered the rest to flee while the tiger was occupied in eating the unfortunate man.

The men ran and hid at the top of a great mountain. From there, Atu knew where they were going to find their food. He looked down and saw the herd of elephants that would save him and his clan from starvation. He ordered the men to follow him down the mountain with their torches.

Soon, they had cornered one of the largest elephants in the herd. The elephant had been chased into a cave in the mountainside. It was so large that it became stuck. The cavemen threw their spears into its side. Soon the mammoth beast dropped to the floor of the cave.

The cavemen rejoiced and carried the animal back to their cave. The clan celebrated with a feast of roasted elephant meat, a rare delicacy because it was so dangerous to hunt elephants. Atu made drawings on the wall of the cave to tell about the great adventure. They are probably still there to this day.

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